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1. GUINEA PRIME MINISTER LOUIS LANSANA BEAVOGUI FLEW INTO

LAGOS THIS WEEKEND, BRINGING A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE TO HEAD OF STATE MUHAMMED. ADDRESSING NEWSMEN AT IKEJA AIRPORT NIGHT OF FEB. 8, BEAVOGUI SAID THAT GUINEAN SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING WITH THE MPLA IN ANGOLA AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL ENTIRE COUNTRY IS LIBERATED. WARMING TO HIS TASK, PRIME MINISTER CONTINUED THAT GUINEA WOULD REMAIN COMBATANT NATION UNTIL EVERY INCH WHOLE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS FREED. HE, HOWEVER, DECLINED SPECIFY AMOUNTS HIS COUNTRY'S AID TO ANY AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. UNSURPRISINGLY, BEAVOUGI INDICATED IT WOULD BE WRONG REGARD SOVIET UNION OR CUBA AS AGGRESSORS IN ANGOLA. HE POINTEDLY REMARKED THAT IF CUBA COULD SEND ITS MEN TO FIGHT LIBERATION BATTLES, NO AFRICAN COUNTRY SHOULD HESITATE SEND ITS TROOPS.

2. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY ON HIS WAY BACK TO CONAKRY FROM LUANDA CELEBR

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TIONS, BEAVOGUI TOOK OPPORTUNITY CONSPICUOUSLY TO PRESS FMG COMMIT MILITARY AID TO NETO REGIME. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING TO INDICATE OBASANJO DELEGATION DID PROMISE ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE WHILE IN ANGOLA. IN FACT, TENOR OF OBASANJO'S REMARKS IN LUANDA (SEE LAGOS 1667) WOULD SEEM TO SHOW FMG CONSIDERS MPLA HAS

SITUATION WELL IN HAND AND FURTHER AID MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY.
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